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PROPOSED NEVADA ENVIROTHON PROGRAM

WHAT

Envirothon is a problem-solving, natural resource education competition for high school-aged students. It provides students with an integrated approach to exploring five natural resource categories and it tests their creativity, analytical thinking, and team-building skills in a competitive format. The competition challenges students as they answer written questions and conduct hands-on investigations of environmental issues. Envirothon is an exciting, fun way for high school students to learn about the environment and the issues facing current and future generations.

WHY

Envirothon stimulates, reinforces, and enhances students' interest in the environment and our state's natural resources. Envirothon affords a unique approach to teaching environmental education. Envirothon builds awareness. It helps show tomorrow's leaders the positive and negative effects individual actions have on the environment. Youth who take part understand differences between renewable and nonrenewable resources, understand environmental interactions and interdependencies, and become prepared for the innovative workforce they will be entering.

HOW

The environmental education program consists of teams of five students (grades 9-12), representing a school who will compete at the Nevada Envirothon Competition by answering questions and studying resource problems on four universal testing categories (i.e., soils/land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, and wildlife) and a current environmental issue that changes annually. The annual Canon Envirothon Competition in which winning teams from participating states and Canadian provinces compete for recognition and scholarships. Over 50 participating teams from the U.S. and Canada participate in the seven day national competition.

SPONSOR NEEDS

Nevada is one of only a few states that do not participate in this national environmental competition. The Conservation District of Southern Nevada is looking for sponsors to start a Nevada Envirothon. The sponsor would be recognized in all NV Envirothon materials and media. Initial start-up costs for a state Envirothon are estimated to be \$150,000.